

# National Park Service Department of the Interior

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#### Centennial Challenge Hikes for August:

- **Oscar Blevins Loop Trail on Saturday, August 6th.** Join a park ranger at the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at 9 am (ET) for an easy half day hike. Go back in time as we explore an early Appalachian settlement and enjoy the many natural resources this 4.3 mile loop has to offer. Bring water, snacks, and wear comfortable shoes. This is a great loop for kids!
- **Parch Corn Creek Hike on Saturday, August 20th.** Meet at the end of Duncan Hollow Road at 9 am (ET) for an all day 7.1 mile hike. We'll talk about wild boar destruction to natural resources, visit the grave site of an early settler, & have lunch at an old home site. Bring water, snacks, lunch, & bug spray.

**The Blue Heron Canoe Launch Improvement Project** has been completed. Summer is a wonderful time to paddle the river.

**Native American Music Program on Saturday, August 20** at 11 am (ET) at the Scott County Visitor Center located at 12025 Scott Highway, Huntsville, TN. Come learn how music played an integral role in shaping the Cumberland Plateau's Native American culture using traditional drums, flutes and percussion instruments.

**Our Next Reading Ranger Program is Saturday, August 27th** at 10:30 am (ET) at McCreary County Public Library in Whitley City, KY. This month's theme will be water quality. Bring the kids for story time and arts & crafts activities.

**To Celebrate Our Birthday Month We're Waiving Some Fees During August 25-28** including backcountry permits and camping at Rock Creek and Alum Ford Campgrounds.

**Bandy Creek Visitor Center**  
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**Everyone is Invited to Our Birthday Party on Thursday, August 25th** at 5 pm (ET)! We are celebrating the National Park Service's 100th year by hosting Obed's 5th Annual Photo Reception, complete with birthday cake and live music by Shelter Road Band.

**Preschooler Activity Time Every Friday Morning** at 10:30 am (ET). Bring the kids to listen to stories, play games and learn about animals that live in the park.

**This Month's Healthy Hike is on Saturday, August 20th.** Meet at the Lilly Overlook parking lot at 10 am (ET) for a moderate 2 mile hike that will include the Bridge Trail and Boulder Field Trail. Enjoy the scenic beauty of the unique sandstone formations along these trails and also learn about the sport of bouldering. Bring plenty of water, sturdy shoes, and a sense of adventure!

**Our Obed Junior Ranger Booklet is Now Available in Spanish!**  
Thanks to a grant from Eastern

National, a not-for-profit cooperating association, we now have the translated booklet available in the Visitor Center and online (<https://www.nps.gov/obed/learn/kidsyouth/upload/FINAL-Obed-Junior-Ranger-Spanish-Booklet.pdf>).



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